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In re Application of
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APPLICATION TO SKIN

COMMUNICATION

This communication is in response to applicant's filing of 10 October 2006 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The filing includes a statement from counsel regarding the fact that while the first listed inventor appears as Masashi Hamada on the published international application, the first inventor has executed the present declaration as Atsushi Hamada.

MPEP section 605.04(b) explains that:

When a typographical or transliteration error in the spelling of an inventor's name is discovered during pendency of an application, a petition is not required, nor is a new oath or declaration under 37 CFR 1.63 needed. However, applicants are strongly encouraged to use an application data sheet such that any patent to issue will reflect the correct spelling of the inventor's name. Without an application data sheet with the corrected spelling, any patent to issue is less likely to reflect the correct spelling since the spelling of the inventor's name is taken from the oath or declaration, or any subsequently filed application data sheet.

Counsel has presently provided a statement that the name Masashi appeared on the published international application by virtue of a transliteration error of the Chinese characters. As such, applicant has complied with the provision detailed above and it is proper to accept the declaration as compliant under 37 CFR 1.497 (a)-(b). As to the Official Filing Receipt, applicant is advised to file an application data sheet for the reasons explained above.

The application will be given an international filing date of 29 September 2004 under 35 U.S.C. 363 and a date of **10 October 2006** under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4).

This application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office (US/DO/EO) for further processing in accordance with this decision, namely the issuance of a "Notification of

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Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495" (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) indicating a 371 date as detailed above.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Putonen', is positioned above the typed name.

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